

Coastal District Septic and Well Separation Variance Regulation

3.21 Coastal District Septic/Well Separations. The boundaries of the Chilmark Coastal District are set out in Section 11.6A of the Chilmark Zoning By-laws, which were adopted by the Town on December 15, 1976, and approved by the Martha's Vineyard commission on December 16, 1976.

(1) Separation between septic systems in the Inland Zone of the Coastal District.

In order to control the quantity of sanitary disposal system leachate released into the ground in the Coastal District, there shall be not less than a three-hundred (300) foot separation between on-site sanitary disposal facilities measured from any portion of the leaching area. The Board may permit in particular cases, lesser separation by variance under Section 3.20, after public hearing; provided however, that there shall be a minimum separation of two-hundred (200) feet and the applicant must prove to the Board's satisfaction that there will be no pollution in ground or surface water, domestic water supply or fisheries.

(2) Separation between septic systems and on-site wells in the Inland Zone of the Coastal District. There shall be not less than a two-hundred (200) foot separation between septic systems and on-site wells (including wells on adjacent or near-by properties). The Board may permit in particular cases, lesser separation by variance under Section 3.20, after public hearing.

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